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National Science Foundation
U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel Review
Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

NAME: U.S. Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel Review, #76826

DATE/TIME: April 20, 2012

Open Session: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Closed Session: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230

TYPE OF MEETING: Partially Open

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MINUTES: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

PURPOSE OF MEETING: The Panel will conduct an independent review of the current U.S. Antarctic Program to ensure the nation is pursuing the best twenty-year trajectory for conducting science and diplomacy in Antarctica – one that is environmentally sound, safe, innovative, affordable, sustainable, and consistent with the Antarctic Treaty.

AGENDA: Present the Panel with additional programmatic information related to opportunities and challenges for Antarctic research and research support; discussion of findings and recommendations; planning for final report.

REASON FOR CLOSING: One session of the meeting is closed to the public because the Committee will review and discuss confidential commercial information and/or privileged intellectual property that if disclosed could harm the commercial interest of a submitter. The panel discussion could lead to premature disclosure of information that could significantly frustrate the Agency's implementation of proposed actions. Therefore this session is properly closed under exemptions 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (9)(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Susanne Bolton
Committee Management Officer

Dated: April 3, 2012

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